

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

Our PCAS Vision:

"To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury/Eithun

Candle Lighting

*Call to Worship

Leader: We cry out in need of God's invocation; we open ourselves to the evocation and provocation that can arise only from God:

People: to be inspired, reawakened, called out from our preoccupations.

Leader: In worship, we evoke our community's memories of God's love and trust.

People: At the same time we ask to be provoked so that something within us might be stirred to action, and from there we might be called forth to a new way of living.

*Hymn # 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the sky, my hearts awaking cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill the mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Call to Confession

Leader: Nearing the halfway point of our Lenten journey, we pause to check in with God. How are we doing? Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

Soul-tending God, you offer nurture, healing, and growth for those willing to be vulnerable and honest in faith with you. You ask us at this point in our Lenten journey if we are sitting around and waiting for resurrection, or are we preparing for it with intention? There is still time, you remind us, to confess a need, to cry for help, and through prayer and practice, follow your lead towards renewal. Give us the foresight, we pray, to take advantage of this moment in faith. You are ready to transform the world through your grace. Are we ready to be active co-conspirators in our re-creation?

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends in Christ, give thanks that God in Christ through the Spirit is alive and active in our lives. God has found a way into our hearts. We are present here in community with those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In faith, let us therefore fully entrust ourselves to his gracious will for our lives, and move forward with hope and joy.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 10:23-25

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Refrain By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. **Refrain**

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" **Refrain**

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. **Refrain**

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 14:16-24

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon

Sharing the Cup of Grace

Offering

Offertory Solo:

Bring Back The Springtime

by Kurt Kaiser

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

*Benediction

Postlude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Setting by Linda R. Lamb

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Worship Leaders:

This mornings Liturgist: John Andia

Ushering this morning: Team C

Zoom Host: Jim Wright

Hymn Leadership: Barbara Prestridge and Sean Starke

Piano and Organ: Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth and
Marcello Velame

Offertory Solo: Sean Starke

Jubilee Bells: George Kustka, Allison Upton, Kim Davies, Sue Martin,
Rich Vodhanel, Nancy Vodhanel, Sam Schoelkopf,
Heather Palframan, Sue Starke, Chris Kustka and
Katja Gruening

Video Editing: Rich Vodhanel

Coffee Hour: PW

Choir: All are welcome to join us. Rehearsal time will be 8:30-9:30am on Sundays.

Food Drive: The Deacons invite you to donate shelf stable food for the Eatontown CO-OP. You may leave donations in the bin or the foyer of the Church House.

Chancel Flowers: Please sign up to dedicate and supply flowers in memory of your loved ones. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of The Church House, or you can email pcas@verizon.com or call the office 7327473557 your information.

THE BOOK NOOK is open for business...Come shop!!!

Church Groups and Committees who wish to meet in the Church House can call the office (732 747 3557) or email (pcas@verizon.com) to book your meetings.

Pastor.....Rev. Katja Gruening

Director of Music MinistriesMarcello Velame

Office Administrator.....Billie McNally

Sexton..... Douglas Silk

Reflections on What we Believe

“I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people.”

Rosa Parks said on her 77th birthday

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY Tuesday 9am: You can jump in on our discussion anytime at this zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87686705631>
Or by phone: (646) 558-8656 Enter Meeting ID: 876 8670 5631



SOLES FOR SOULS SHOE DRIVE MARCH 3-APRIL 17: We will be collecting all types of shoes with/without heels, boots, flip flops, anything that DOES NOT have holes in the bottom of the shoe. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall during the Lenten Season. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hirce.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Received during the season of Lent (March 2 - April 17, 2022), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need, In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Watch your mail for your OGHS envelope. Lori Hirce Church & Society



The Gnarly Cross: Pick up a card with the bulletin for the purpose of writing anonymously what you hope to confront in your soul. Then after the service hang it on the Gnarly Cross.

**Order your Easter Lilies for the Chancel
 For Easter Sunday April 17, 2022.
 Palm Sunday is the last day to order**

Please make Check payable to The Board of Deacons, Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury.

I would like to order ___ Easter Lily(s) at \$10.00 each. Total Enclosed \$ _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

In Memory/ Honor of (circle one) _____

Please check the appropriate line;

I will pick up my Lily(s) following the 10 AM Service

